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CALENDAR OF ILLINOIS HISTORY.

September 11, 1848—Wheat. The best wheat is worth 90 cents at St. Louis and 73 cents on the Illinois river. Wheat is on the advance.

COAL PRICES IN OTTAWA.

There will not be any material reduction in the price of coal in Ottawa this winter unless President Wilson steps in and regulates the retailer's profits. The price of coal in Ottawa is the same at all yards. There seems to be no competition and dealers are not interested in orders if the buyer seeks to get a little edge on the market.

It has been reported that the local coal dealers are in a combine and that when the price is set, all must ask the same price. There must be no cutting, not even to get a big order. The coal dealers, however, deny that there is any combine or any agreement to fix prices in Ottawa. This is a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and it is hard to believe that our coal dealers would wilfully and deliberately violate any law.

Here is what you are paying for coal:

Streator, Oglesby, La Salle, Vein	
Valley and Ladd Third Vein	
Coal, screened at mine, per ton	\$2.65
Freight, per ton	.42
Dealer's profit and hauling	\$.193
Total	\$3.263
Franklin Co. Coal, per ton	\$2.65
Freight, per ton	.110
Dealer's profit and hauling	.125
Total	\$3.00

The price fixed for mine run is \$1.95 for first and second vein coal and \$2.40 for third vein coal. Dealers here claim they do not handle first and second vein coal. Consumers never get anything but third vein coal at least they always pay for third vein coal.

The question now arises what is the dealer's profit. It is a well known fact that several teamsters are hauling coal where it is handled in car lots for 50 cents per ton and delivered at the substation it is 60 cents per ton. On this basis the retailer's profit on La Salle county coal would be \$1.43 per ton and on Franklin Co. coal 75 cents per ton. If auto trucks are used and when the dealers use their own teams the cost of delivery would be less than that asked by contract haulers.

The figures given above are government cost figures at the mines. The railroad tariff secured from the local railway stations and the retailer's charges was secured from that local dealers, all of which were the same.

Fuel administrator Garfield will fix retail prices during the present month. On them the public will claim whether they are now being treated unjustly or justly by the retail dealers. One thing they have already learned and that is they were being robbed by the coal operators.

WARM CLOTHING THIS WINTER.

In the early days of the republic everybody wore flannels in the winter. Scratchy and shirky and generally uncomfortable they were, too, but in those days of imperfect household heating they were necessary. With the advent of furnaces an easier and less bulky mode of dressing ensued. With steam-heated offices and schools, warm houses and heated street cars, scarcely any difference is made between winter and summer clothing. A woollen suit instead of a linen or Palm Beach one, perhaps, and a top-coat of a weight so light that our forebears would have scorned it, are about the only once along made by an over-civilized population to the winter winds.

But the war is making a difference. This year it will be harder to get fuel. And fuel is going to be so badly needed in manufacturing that it would be a patriotic policy to go a little stow on the fire at home. It isn't really necessary that homes should be kept at a temperature of 75 or 80 all winter long in order that the ladies may wear georgette. At 65 or 70 the family can be very comfortable in serge. And at 65 or 70 with a little moisture in the air, the whole family will be much less susceptible to colds, sore throats and other miseries of the mucous membranes than they were in the hot-dry air so commonly found in homes in past years.

"Sixty-five and save the fuel," may well become a household slogan. This means warmer clothing. It need not mean the bulky underwear, the clumsy skirts of a former generation. But it does mean clothing of a warmer

RACE ON FOR BETTER
ROADS; 30 COUNTIES
OF STATE COMPETELA SALLE AND ALL OTHERS
ALONG IVY WAY MAKE DASH
FOR ALL OF GOVERNMENT'S—
STATES \$2,215,000 APPROPRIATION FOR ONE ROADWAY.

La Salle county, together with twenty-nine others in the state today will be in action that will decide the fate of Illinois' \$19,000,000 U. S.-State aid road project. Supervisors who convened here this afternoon for their September meeting, are reported to look with kindness upon the government's proposal to spend \$2,215,000 on the Ivy Way, making with this vast sum a continuous stretch of improved thoroughfare from Chicago to Peoria.

La Salle county's apportionment of this fund will be \$187,625. The fate of the various proposals depends upon the unanimity of the counties in the state. The meetings which begin in the thirty counties constitute the most notable event in the good roads history of Illinois. That every board of supervisors will grasp the opportunity thus afforded to improve his county is almost assured, tho in some counties malcontents are reported who are serving the old game of obstructionism on purely selfish and biased reasons. This condition is not looked for in La Salle county as the need of united action is paramount to all selfish desires if La Salle is to take its first big step in the right direction.

In distributing \$6,620,000 made available by equal appropriations from the federal government and the state of Illinois, the state department of public works recently allotted the funds definitely to these highways. In each case it is estimated that the amount designated will pay two-thirds of the cost of improvement; the counties through which the roads pass must provide the remaining third. The state authorities have ruled that construction work will not be begun on any road until a sufficient amount has been provided to complete the route throughout its entire length. All that remains, therefore, is for each county involved to certify to the state that its share of the funds will be forthcoming, either through tax levies or bond issues. It is this action that the various supervisors must take today.

At preliminary conferences held during the last two weeks all the county authorities concerned have given informal assurance that they will do their part. Should any one county fail, however, it will mean postponing improvement of the entire route on which it lies. So the proceedings are being watched with eager interest.

There's a sporting element in the affair, too. The funds allotted cover a period of five years, but \$1,336,000 of the amount is available now and is waiting at Springfield for the first corners. Each group of counties, therefore, has been urged to take action as early in the day as possible. Special messengers will be waiting to take the supervisors' certificates as soon as they are signed and as the documents having to do with each highway are completed they will be rushed to Gov. Lowden at the capital.

TWO ROADS.

Every evil and wasteful habit we persist in draws upon our strength and resources without any proper return, and every such habit weakens our power for good. On the other hand, every task that is faithfully done, every responsibility manfully borne in the path of duty, endows us like well bestowed ballast.

Ask Your Friend.

There is hardly a neighborhood in any city, town or hamlet in the United States where women cannot be found who have derived benefit from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. For more than forty years this botanical remedy has been overcoming some of the worst cases of female ills. As one woman has found help she has told another, who has used it with the same result; so the use of this great medicine has spread from shore to shore by the recommendation of those who have found it good. Therefore, ask your neighbor, let her tell you from experience the benefit which ailing women derive from the use of this famous medicine.

texture than for the past few years. For the children, whose clothes must be washable for reasons of cleanliness and disease prevention, it may mean neat little English pinafores over dresses of a warm fabric. Or it may mean two layers of underwear under the cotton dress. For women it will mean saving the transparent fabrics for next summer.

But why not? Life all the adjustments made necessary or advisable by the war, it requires only the exercise of a little intelligence, and behold—people are better off than before.

GRAND RIDGE AND VICINITY

Rev. G. H. Tharpe of the Methodist church is attending the annual conference at Macomb this week. Mr. and Mrs. Childs of Tonica were recent callers at the home of Mrs. E. E. Reece on East Liberty street.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Payne and children have returned from a very pleasant two weeks' vacation spent in Indiana. They made the trip by auto. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hodgson have gone to Ft. Dodge, Iowa, where they will visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Reddick.

Gerald McComb's wife and baby have returned to their home at Galesburg after a short visit with relatives here.

Remember the Red Cross room is now open for work every afternoon except Mondays and Saturdays. Knitting instruction, Wednesdays and Fridays. Don't fail to avail yourself of these opportunities to do your bit.

Mrs. Bradish and Miss Pickins of Ottawa visited recently at the home of the former's brother, Fred Feck, and family.

Mrs. Hannah Dille of Chicago spent last week in the village, renewing old acquaintances.

Quite a number from this community attended the Fair at Kankakee last week.

Lewis Baker, who was en route to Lexington, Kentucky, with his horses, stopped off over night for a visit with his wife and children.

Mrs. C. W. Manley entertained the following guests at dinner on Wednesday: Mr. and Mrs. Hanson of Winter Haven, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, of Streator; Miss Best, of Chicago; Frank Peterson and daughter, Miss Katherine, and Miss Sarah Crawford.

John Johnson left last Wednesday morning for Camp Dodge, at Des Moines, Ia., where he joined the ranks of selected men for the national army. George Provance is driving a new car, recently purchased.

Threshing is not progressing in this locality as fast as farmers would like to see, owing to the excessive rains.

Fred Stone is congratulating himself that his bruises were no worse than they are from his recent experience, while hauling out bundles to the machine. As he was driving along with his load one wheel of the wagon dropped into a rut, throwing the young man from his load behind his team. They started to run, dragging him considerable distance before help came but it was not until after the team had gone through a high wire fence that it was captured. The horses were not hurt to any extent, but the wagon was considerably demolished. The driver's head and face were badly bruised. He was given first aid and is reported as fast regaining his normal condition.

Wilford Hook has returned from a week's business and pleasure trip.

Englebert Kuhn and George Hess each are now driving new Ford cars while Frank Hess is the possessor of a Franklin touring car, recently purchased.

Walter Fogle and family, who have been enjoying a two week automobile outing in Michigan, returned Thursday afternoon.

Miss Sylvia Loy of Streator spent a few days the past week at the home of Miss Helen Hibbs on Sylvan Ave. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner, who has been very ill, is now showing some improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clemens of Hopkinton, Ill. were recent guests at the David Poundstone home. Mr. Clemens is a rother of Mrs. Poundstone.

Mrs. Jack Lucky and little daughter Helen have returned from a week's visit with friends in Kankakee.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown assembled at McKinley Park on Thursday to enjoy together a day before the Browns leave for Los Angeles, Calif. It is needless to say all enjoyed the outing; at noon a sumptuous picnic dinner was served. Among those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Jackson of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Duder Sr. and daughter, Miss Nora.

Richard, little son of Mrs. Josephine Nagle, who was severely bitten on one of his legs by a dog a few days ago, is getting along nicely at this writing. The injured member necessitated medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Shields and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christmas motored to Sandwich on Thursday, where they attended the fair.

Mrs. M. Rutan and Miss H. Dillie visited with county seat relatives the latter part of the past week.

Harry Bacon received the sad message Sunday morning that his sister, Mrs. Wm. Hill, had passed away at her home in Canada. No particulars were obtainable at this time. Mr. Bacon left at once to attend the burial. Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their daughter Flossie will be very well remembered by many here as they at one time lived in this locality. The sympathy is extended the bereaved family.

A pig contest was held at the L. M. Bayne lumber yard under the auspices of the Boys' Club Saturday afternoon. I. S. Brooks was present and gave a splendid talk to the large crowd. Each of the seven contestants read his report and Wm. Temple of Seneca was the judge on pigs. Those to receive prizes were: Clarence Atwood, \$5.00;

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Newell Atwood, \$1.00; Leslie Rabb, \$3.00; Otto Armstrong, \$2.00; Willard Lotz, \$2.00; Harvey Rinker, \$2.00; Benice Rinker, \$2.00. Much interest was manifested Saturday and in all probability more boys and girls will try to get in on the next contest and help to win some of these good prizes.

Cold Reality.

"While there's life there's hope." "Yes," replied Mr. Sawyer Wood, "but unless you put some solid work into this life hope is about all you are going to get out of it."—Washington Star.

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